

REMARKS

Claims 15-59 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-13 are pending and under consideration. Claims 1 and 8 are the independent claims. No new matter is presented in this Amendment.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER:

Claims 1-13 are allowed.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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